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## **Transmittal Letter**

October 22, 2004

The Honorable Jerry E. Abramson  
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**Subject: Updated Audit Plan**

### **Introduction**

Enclosed is the audit plan for the Office of Internal Audit. This outlines the activities where we will focus our resources. Professional internal audit standards, as well as our charter (ordinance), require the preparation and presentation of this type of plan to the Audit Committee. This plan is updated annually after the passage of the operating budget.

### **Methodology**

This plan was developed using a risk-based methodology that incorporates the COSO framework, which is the model used in the internal audit profession. By using this approach, we focus our resources on helping ensure Louisville Metro Government is achieving its objectives.

In addition to performing the entity wide risk assessment, input was solicited from the Metro Council, Mayor, Cabinet Secretaries, Department Directors, External Auditors, and other Metro officials. This included a web-based survey of all Department Directors.

## **Major Risks**

The major risks impacting Louisville Metro Government, from an internal audit perspective, were then formulated. The risks are as follows:

### **(1) Operating Environment**

- Change (impact, timing, and acceptance).
- Employee morale.
- One of Metro's major inputs is human resources, so there is a greater likelihood that quality of services will be negatively impacted by these issues.

### **(2) Human Resources**

- Recruitment and retention of qualified personnel.
- Pay inequities.
- Paying employees accurately. Decentralization of data entry may require estimates of time worked in order to meet processing deadlines.
- Re-engineering of payroll process.

### **(3) Information Technology**

- Resources.
- Functionalities of systems and engineering processes to maximize benefits.
- Security.

### **(4) Financial Accountability**

- Policy compliance.
- Reliability of financial information.
- Paying vendors timely and accurately.
- Decision-making and analysis functionality of financial system.

### **(5) Assets**

- Safeguarding and accounting for all assets.

### **Core Services**

From the preceding steps, potential audit areas were identified. The next step was aligning the potential audit areas with our core services, which are structured to support the Mayor's Strategic Plan. Our core services are as follows:

- Assurance Services
- Consulting Services
- Information Technology Audit Services
- Integrity Services

The purpose of this step is to ensure that we have the capacity, resources, and capability necessary to undertake these projects.

### **Final Plan**

The last step was preparing the audit plan. To summarize, the plan includes areas that:

- Align with our core services
- Relate to the top risks for Metro Government
- Comprise entity-wide processes and tasks
- Involve former County Agencies
- Have potential for value-added results

The audit plan is presented in the following section of this document.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss any of these items in further detail, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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## **Audit Plan**

The audit plan is in order by our core services. Within each core, the specific type of service is presented. Under each type of service, the focus / department is listed. The order of presentation within each core service is not meant to represent prioritization; this is only done for ease of use.

The detailed audit plan begins on the proceeding page and covers the following:

### **I. Assurance Services**

- ✓ Operational
- ✓ Revenue
- ✓ Compliance

### **II. Consulting Services**

- ✓ Special Requests
- ✓ Consultation
- ✓ Committees
- ✓ Education / Training

### **III. Information Technology Audit Services**

- ✓ Systems Development / Implementation
- ✓ IT Operational
- ✓ IT Technical

### **IV. Integrity Services**

- ✓ Special Investigations

## I. Assurance Services

### Operational

These reviews help ensure that risks are sufficiently mitigated so that departments / programs achieve objectives, and operate efficiently and effectively.

#### **Air Pollution Control District**

- Capital Account Fund

#### **Corrections**

- Contract Monitoring
- Inmate Account
- Inventory
- Property Room
- Work Aid Allowance

#### **Enterprise**

- Cash Management / Depository Bank Accounts
- Foundations & Boards (GASB 39)
- MIDAS / LOJIC Agreements
- "Off Book" Bank Accounts
- Petty Cash
- Utility Payments
- Vendor Analysis

#### **General Services Administration**

- Fleet Management
  - Consolidation
  - Fuel Cards
  - Outsourced Services

#### **Health**

- Self Insurance Trust Fund

#### **Human Resources**

- Benefits Claim Processing

#### **Human Services**

- Donations
- Housing Authority Escrow Fund

#### **Metropolitan Development Authority**

- Parking Authority of River City
  - Parking Garage Operations

#### **Parks**

- Jefferson Memorial Forest
- Follow-up
  - Golf Pro Contracts
- MTM Natatorium
- Outsourced Operations
  - Farnsley-Moreman
  - Locust Grove

#### **Police**

- Consolidated Property Room

#### **Youth Center**

- Property Room

#### **Zoo**

- Business Office Change of Command



Revenue is inherently risky. This risk is intensified in a governmental entity where goods / services do not directly correlate to revenue. These reviews are designed to address the miscellaneous areas that may not be addressed by external auditors.

### **Air Pollution Control District**

- Permits

### **Corrections**

- Federal / State Reimbursements
- Other Revenue
  - Booking Fees
  - Commissary
  - Home Incarceration Program
  - Room & Board
  - Telephones

### **Enterprise**

- License Agreements

### **Facilities Management**

- Courthouse & Judicial Center Reimbursements
- Rental Receipts
- Telephones & Vending Machines

### **Health**

- Environmental Services
- Follow-up Review
  - Billings & Collections
  - MORE Clinic

### **Inspections, Permits & Licenses**

- Permits & Licenses Fees

### **Metropolitan Development Authority**

- Parking Authority of River City
  - Parking Ticket Outsourcing

### **Parks**

- User Fees

### **Planning & Design Services**

- Permits & Review Fees

### **Police**

- False Alarms
- Service Agreements
  - Suburban Cities

### **Public Works**

- Impoundment Lot
- Permits

### **Solid Waste Management Services**

- Miscellaneous Receipts

## Compliance

These reviews help ensure activities are performed in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

### **Enterprise Wide**

- Donations
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Payroll
- Procurement
  - Contracts
  - Vendor Payments

### **Police**

- Narcotics Disposals
- Narcotics Operations
  - PERF Report
- Property Room
  - Cash Evidence Management

## **II. Consulting Services**

### **Special Requests**

These requests address a wide range of issues, and are important to Louisville Metro Government's operations. These are given a high priority, and resources dedicated as needed.

**Mayor**

**Council**

**Cabinets / Departments**

This service is provided to help identify business best practices, and to ensure major risks are identified and mitigated as needed.

### **Corrections**

- Quality Assurance Function

### **Emergency Medical Services**

- Billing & Collection
- Consolidation
- CPR Center
- Inventory / Supplies

### **Enterprise**

- 444 Development Center
  - Workflow & Revenue Processing
- External Agency Grants Monitoring
- Federal Grants
  - Identification
  - Application
  - Administration
- Loan Processing Services
- Lockbox Services
- On-Line Payments
- Service Efforts & Accomplishments
  - Development
  - Validation / Reporting

### **Facilities Management**

- Belle of Louisville
- Louisville Gardens

### **Finance**

- Policy Development and Review
  - Accounts Receivable
  - Investments
  - Payroll
  - Petty Cash
  - Revenue / Cash Management

### **Human Resources**

- Policy Development and Review
  - Fraud / Principles of Conduct

### **Kentuckiana Works**

- Kentuckiana College Access Center

### **Technology**

- Policy Development and Review
  - General Use & Security

## Committees

In order to maintain independence, participation is limited to ex-officio (non-voting, non-decision making) status.

### **PeopleSoft Upgrade**

### **MIDAS**

## Education / Training

This proactive service is intended to help prevent future problems through sharing of expertise and experience.

### **Cash and Liquid Assets**

- Cash Handling Procedures

### **Internal Controls**

### **External Agency Grants Monitoring**

### **Newsletters of Important Issues / Trends**

### **Fraud Awareness**

### **Privacy & Identity Theft**

### III. Information Technology Audit Services

#### System Development / Implementation

This proactive service is intended to help ensure systems operate efficiently and effectively once implemented.

##### **Animal Services**

- Licenses

##### **HR/Payroll System**

- PeopleSoft Upgrade

##### **Corrections**

- Inmate Management System

##### **MIDAS**

##### **General Services Administration**

- Fleet Management
  - Fleetwave

#### IT Operational

These reviews may include general controls, business continuity planning, disaster recovery, physical security, or software licenses.

##### **Emergency Medical Services**

##### **Police**

##### **Information Technology**

##### **Revenue Commission**

##### **MetroSafe**

These are highly technical reviews that most likely will require assistance from external partners and contractors. A long-range plan will be developed in early 2005 to address IT risks and critical audit areas. Activities that may be included in the plan included the following.

### **IT Risk Assessment / Audit Plan**

- Active Directory Project
- Database Management System
- Firewalls
- Internet Penetration
- Network Architecture
- Operating System
- Patches & Updates
- Security

## **IV. Integrity Services**

### **Special Investigations**

These investigations are performed until sufficient evidence is gathered to refer the matter to the appropriate authority (e.g., Law Enforcement, Human Resources), and assisting as needed after referral.

#### **Employee Misconduct**

##### **Fraud**

- Investigations
- Proactive Detection / Analysis
  - Computer Assisted Audit Tools
  - Direct Deposit
  - Employee / Vendor Identification
  - Prevention Checkup Exercise
  - Vendor Activity